

November 4-5, 2023

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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**Masses:** 4:30 pm Saturday; 7 & 10.00 am Sunday  
8:30 am Wednesday and Friday

**Reconciliation:** 8:00 - 9:00 am and 3:30-4 pm Saturdays  
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**St. Thomas Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure**

Oct. 28-29, 2023 Collection

*No Saturday Collection- Eucharistic Congress*

Envelopes	\$ 3,809.00
Loose	\$ 694.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 4,503.00</b>
School Fund	\$ 240.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Special Collections	\$ 116.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 376.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,879.00</b>

**St. Thomas Church September Tithe**

September Tithe Income – \$40,180.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$4,018.00

**Thank you for your generosity and stewardship!**

**This Week in Our Parish**

**National Vocation Awareness Week**

**Mon., Nov. 6, Weekday**

**Tuesday, Nov. 7, Weekday**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**7:00 pm** St. Thomas Finance Council Mtg

**Weds., Nov. 8, Weekday**

**8:30 am** Class Mass (Norbert Klingler)

**9:00 am** Rosary Group

**5:30 pm** Youth Choir

**5:30 pm** OCIA

**6:00 pm** School Board

**6:30 pm** PSR at St. Mary's/St. Thomas CYO

**Thurs., Nov. 9, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

**8:00 am** – Rosary at St. Mary's

**8:30 am** – Mass at St. Mary's

**Friday, Nov. 10, St. Leo the Great**

**8:30 am** All-School Mass (Int: John Barone)

**Sat., Nov. 11, St. Martin of Tours; Veteran's Day**

**8:00 am-9:00 am** Confessions

**3:30 pm - 4:00 pm** Confessions

**4:30 pm** Mass (Int: Bernie & Margorie Miller)

**Sunday, Nov. 12, 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time;**

**Stewardship Sunday**

**7:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (Int: For the Parish)

**10:00 am** Mass at St. Thomas (Int: For the Parish);

Soup Supper meeting immediately following Mass

**10:30 am** Communion Service at Villas

**St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule:**

**Saturday, November 11 @ 4:30 pm**

Lectors: Nichole Mulvey

EM: Brad, Kim, Kaitlyn Ochs, Gerald Ochs

Servers: Alayna & Eli Ochs

Gift Bearers: Jason Meyer Family

Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Bolander

Greeters/Ushers: Vic Klingler

**Sunday, November 12 @ 7:00 am**

Lectors: Sara Bergbower

EM: Lori TeVault, Paul Bierman, Becky Shamhart,  
Jamie Shamhart

Servers: Alani & Jace Bergbower

Gift Bearers: Seth Woods Family

Musicians: Debbie Matson & Lucy Bierman

Greeters/Ushers: Ben Bierman

**Sunday, November 12 @ 10:00 am**

Lectors: Renee Gier

EM: Jason/Jenny Bierman, Marge Horton, Sara Mette

Servers: Alivia & Adria Bierman

Gift Bearers: Tim Bower Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler

Greeters/Ushers: Doug Iffert

**St. Thomas CYO Upcoming Schedule**

- **Weds, November 1**, All –Saints, attending Mass at St. Mary’s @ 6:30 pm
- **Weds, November 22**, Thanksgiving Eve, CYO participating in ministries at 7:00 pm Mass (please arrive by 6:30 pm)
- **Sat, December 2**, 4:00 – 8:00 pm, Mt. Gilead Church, Bethlehem Walk
- **Fri, December 8**, 5:00 pm - Meet at Floral Hall at Fairgrounds for Ministerial Alliance’s Food Box Project
- **Weds, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>** – Cleaning Church  
**Meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**

**This Week at St. Thomas School  
Collecting Change all week for  
“Change for Christ” Contest**

- Mon:** 6:00 pm Boys Basketball, here, vs Stew Stras  
6:00 pm Girls Basketball, here, vs Casey
- Weds:** 6:00 pm School Board
- Thurs:** 6:00 pm Boys Basketball at St. Anthony  
6:00 pm Girls Basketball at Altamont
- Fri:** 8:30 am All-School Mass
- Sat:** Veteran’s Day
- Sun:** Soup Supper Mtg. following the 10:00 am Mass

**St. Thomas Soup Supper Meeting.** If you are interested in discussing the future of the St. Thomas Soup Supper, there will be a brainstorming meeting on Sunday, Nov. 12th following the 10:00 mass in the parish center. All are invited to provide input. If you have any questions, email school principal, Jill Bierman, at [jillbierman@stthomassaints.com](mailto:jillbierman@stthomassaints.com).

**St. Thomas Harvest Picnic was another success for our parish.** The weather cooperated, food was delicious (and the pretzels were back!!), the music did not disappoint, the games were a hit all afternoon, the baskets were a main attraction, and we had a lot of lucky winners!!! The result of an awesome day like that is a net profit of \$36,925.36.

The Newton Family Life Center and the Peterson Park Christmas lights will share 10% of our profit. Be sure to check out the St. Thomas addition to the Peterson Park Lights as you drive through the park this Christmas Season. Not only does our success benefit our parish but other local organizations that work hard for the betterment of our community!

Thanks again to everyone that played a part in the success of our picnic this year. Thanks doesn’t ever seem like enough for all that our parishioners do throughout the year, but **THANK YOU!!**

**St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes**

**WELCOME you and invite you to join our Church families by calling the parish offices of St. Thomas the Apostle, Newton, and St. Mary of the Assumption, Sainte Marie.**



**Please pray for the Sick:**

Richard Hippler, Harold Deimel, Connie Griffith, Brian Baker, Whitney Benefiel, Betty Ochs, Doug Frichtl, Gary Griffith, Mary Bergbower, Mack McCrillis, Delorse Johnson, Mike Lustig, Cleve Bradley, Rhonda Wilson, Shirley Woodard, Dick Worland, Suzi Ochs, Randy Hatten, Lynn Schafer, Rodney Hatten, Geneva Barber; and those in healthcare facilities & in our Book of Requests.

**This Week’s Scripture Readings:**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Rom 11:29-36</b>	<b>Lk 14:12-14</b>
<b>Tues.:</b>	<b>Rom 12:5-16b</b>	<b>Lk 14:15-24</b>
<b>Weds.:</b>	<b>Rom 13:8-10</b>	<b>Lk 14:25-33</b>
<b>Th.:</b>	<b>Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12</b>	<b>1Cor 3:9c-11,16-17</b>
	<b>Jn 2:13-22</b>	
<b>Fri.:</b>	<b>Rom 15:14-21</b>	<b>Lk 16:1-8</b>
<b>Sat.:</b>	<b>Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27</b>	<b>Lk 16:9-15</b>
<b>Sun.:</b>	<b>Wis 6:12-16</b>	<b>1Thes 4:13-18</b>
	<b>Mt 25:1-13</b>	

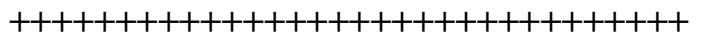
**Upcoming November Mass Schedule**

**Thanksgiving Mass Schedule**

- **5:30 pm** Weds., November 22, at St. Mary’s
- **7:00 pm** Weds., November 22, at St. Thomas
  - CYO covering the ministries

**Knights of Columbus Remembrance Mass**

- **5:30 pm** Tuesday, November 28 at St. Thomas



**St. Thomas School First Graders  
Celebrate All Saints Day**



## Eucharistic Congress October 28, 2023



St. Thomas parish was blessed to have so many parishioners attend this Diocesan sponsored day that included Confession, Adoration and Mass. Our parishes are also so very blessed because we have had the opportunity to be a part of so many priests, religious and seminarians' spiritual journeys. It made the day even that more special to see former pastors like Fr. Joe, Fr. Al, and Fr. Dean, and former Seminarians like Jayke, Alex, and Charlie. We cannot forget to mention how special it is to see Fr. Piotr Kosk and Fr. Paul Lesupati who are now priests but served as Seminarians in our parishes once-upon-a-time. Blessed indeed!

It was very powerful to attend this faith-filled event that included 5,000 parishioners from throughout the Diocese. All of whom were participating in Confession, Adoration and Mass. Wow!!

Thanks to all who helped plan the day for our parishes. The Bales Bus trip was so enjoyable and couldn't have ended any better than it did with good food, drink and company!!



## St. Thomas Monthly Church Cleaning Update

Beginning January 2024, a new schedule will be used for cleaning the church. A sign-up sheet will be in the gathering space the next couple of weeks for anyone interested. The coordinator for that specific month will notify you when a date and time has been set for cleaning the church. If you were on the list before and still wish to clean, you would need to sign up again. Thank you for helping to keep our church clean and beautiful!

### Norwex Party

#### to Help Get Monthly Cleaning Supplies:

The Angels are hosting a Norwex party so that we can get some supplies for our church for FREE. If anyone is interested in purchasing Norwex (cleans without chemicals) for themselves or would like to purchase Norwex supplies for the church, here is the link:

[http://cindymcgrady.norwex.biz/en\\_US/customer/party/6932470](http://cindymcgrady.norwex.biz/en_US/customer/party/6932470)

You can purchase supplies starting now until November 15<sup>th</sup>. Either way, we benefit. Here is a list of things we are interested in purchasing to aid in the cleaning. If you want to donate your purchase to the church you can have it sent to the St. Thomas church office or bring it in after you have received it.

- 2 Superior Mom Starter Systems
- 2 Tile Mop Pads
- 2 Spray Attachments for Mop
- 1 Rubber Brush
- 2 Enviro Wands
- 1 Detergent Strips set
- 4 Window Cloths

Thank you in advance for your assistance. Any questions, direct them to Ginger Robins 618-553-8070 or Janet Cummins 618-554-1616.

**Diocesan Centennial Campaign.** Members of the St. Thomas Finance Council, Pastoral Council and School attended a deanery meeting this past week. The upcoming Diocesan Centennial Campaign was discussed and much was learned. Much discussion will soon begin in each of our parishes about how to proceed with this campaign for the benefit our parishes and school. More information to follow.

**Jasper County Ministerial Association (JCMA) Christmas Food Basket Project.** As they have in the recent past, they are asking for monetary donations only...no food items. Donations can be mailed to: PO Box 213, Newton, IL 62448. They will also need help with preparing and distributing the boxes on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Call 618-783-2226 to learn more about how you can get involved.

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**St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

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**Office Manager:** Denisse Ochs

**PSR Coordinator:** Marie Wagner

**Tribunal Annulment Advocate:** Debbie Matson

Linda Mertens

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tues-Wed.-Thurs.

**Masses: 8:30 am Sunday**

**First Saturday of the Month**

7:30 am – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration  
 & Reconciliation

8:30 am – Holy Mass

**Reconciliation:** As Scheduled by request and  
 Available at St. Thomas Church 8-9 am Saturdays

**This Week in our Parish**

**Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**6:00 p.m.- Joint Pastoral Council & Finance  
 Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: John Lybarger+)

**Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Weekday**

**6:30 p.m. - PSR Class**

**Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, The Dedication of the  
 Lateran Basilica**

8:00 a.m. - Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Leonard & Coletta Ochs+)

**Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, St Leo the Great**

**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, St Martin of Tours**

**7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. - Adoration & Reconciliation**

**8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: For the Parish+)**

**Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 32<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time**

8:30 a.m. – Mass: (Int: Teresa Dunphy+)

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasure  
 Collection for the week of October 29, 2023**

Envelopes	\$ 1140.00
Loose	56.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 1196.00</b>
Haiti	25.00
World Mission	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1246.00</b>

**St Mary's Church September Tithe**

September Tithe Income – \$28228.00

10% Monthly Tithe Given to Diocese - \$ 2823.00

**Minsters for 8:30 a.m. – November 12, 2023**

**Ushers:** George Semple, Maynard Kaufmann, Roger Hemrich

**Servers:** Avery Ochs/Blake Frohning

**Lectors:** Beth Hartrich/Ashtyn Ochs

**Gift Bearers:** Anita Griffith Family

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lora Semple, Ben Ochs, Lisa Ochs

**Pastoral Council**

**Finance Council**

**Meeting**

There will be a joint meeting of both councils on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. in the Parish Center. Information will be given on the Diocesan Centennial Campaign. All council members need to attend.

**Stringtown Community Club**

**Soup Supper**

**Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**St Joseph Stringtown Parish Center**

Serving time from 4pm – 6pm. There is a full meal deal for \$8.00, which consists of soup, sandwich, dessert and drinks. Menu – Chili & Vegetable Beef Soup, Hot Dog or Grilled cheese, Pie or Ice Cream, Tea, Lemonade and Coffe

